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## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### IMPORT OF MEAT EXTRACTS, MEAT CONCENTRATES AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING THEM

#### Purpose

1. To advise you that we have issued General Authorisation IMP/GEN/2017/01 for the importation from certain third countries of:
  - Meat extracts
  - meat concentrates
  - Any meat extract or meat concentrate component in a foodstuff which is otherwise fully compliant with EU import rules

#### Background

2. [OVS note 2016/20](#) advised that certain products that were covered by Annex II of [Commission Decision 2007/275/EC](#) would fall within the provisions of Annex I when it is amended by [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2016/1196](#) which came into force on 1 January 2017.
3. The European Commission has advised that meat extracts, meat concentrates and products containing them should be treated as meat products or composite products as appropriate, depending on the composition of the product. They should be accompanied at import by the meat product certificate laid down in [Commission Decision 2007/777/EC](#) as amended or the composite product certificate laid down in [Regulation \(EU\) No 28/2012](#) as amended.



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4. It has become clear that a number of stakeholders/suppliers/importers are unaware of the new rules and consignments are being presented for import in accordance with the rules that were in place prior to 1 January.

5. To help to facilitate trade General Authorisation IMP/GEN/2017/01 permits imports of those products referred to in paragraph 1 under National rules provided they are consigned before 1 August 2017 and meet the requirements in the authorisation.

6. Any consignments of the above products that do not meet the relevant EU requirements because, for example they

- do not come from an EU approved country; and/or
- do not come from EU approved establishments; and/or
- are not accompanied by the correct health certificate;

will not be able to be imported if they are consigned on or after 1 August 2017 and should be rejected. The person responsible for the consignment should be advised that they will need to ensure that future consignments are in full compliance with EU rules as described above. Import conditions are available via the [APHA website](#).

7. Please remember that for composite products containing meat extracts and concentrates the third country exporting the composite product can only use meat product from:

- the same country from which the composite product is consigned;
- a Member State of the EU;
- another third country authorised to export to the EU, meat products with treatment 'A' as set out in Annex II to Decision 2007/777/EC where the third country where the composite product is produced is also authorised to export to the Union, meat products with that same treatment.

8. This means that a third country that is listed for anything other than 'A' treatment for a particular species can only use meat product from its own country or from an EU country. It cannot import meat product, including extracts and concentrates, from another third country.

## **Action for OVSS**

10. If any of the above products are presented to your BIP without the appropriate EU certificate, you should

- carry out veterinary checks in the usual way and for consignments that were despatched before 1 August 2017, permit importation provided that they meet the requirements of the authorisation; and
- advise the person responsible for the consignment of the revised EU import conditions as explained above.

11. Please remind importers that it is in their interest to complete the attached [form](#) and return to us so that they can be kept informed of any future changes/updates to legislation.

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